

**RESPONSE, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, TO THE OFFICE ACTION  
DATED FEBRUARY 7, 2008**

In response to the Office Action dated February 7, 2008, and the essentially identical Office Action dated March 18, 2008, Applicants submit the following response:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 6 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.